[Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai.]

(*g*) In view of the answer to part (*d*), this does not arise.

(*h*) The Excise Commissioner is not the officer who grants the contracts. It is the Government who grant them after taking into consideration all the circumstances of the case.

Liquor Shops near Darisanamcope Village.

201. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : (*a*) Are the Government aware :

(i) that representations were made to the Government to remove the liquor shops situated on the entrance to the village of Darisanamcope in the Tovala taluk; and

(ii) that this shop is still allowed to remain in a place of public resort quite against the recent circular of the department ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to remove it to a distant and out of the way place ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) (i) The answer is in the negative.

(ii) The location of the shop is not in contravention of the circular.

(*b*) The Excise Commissioner has promised to consider the matter in the next abkari contract for 1102-1103.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know whether the circular referred to makes any mention of the places of public resort ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There is no information on that point.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know how it was possible for the Government to say that the location of the shop is not in contravention of the circular without having that information ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : It is based on the report of the Commissioner.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know whether he answers the question on behalf of Government or for himself?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I do not catch the member.

PRESIDENT : Is the Member rising to a point of order ?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Yes, I wish a ruling from the chair.

PRESIDENT : Then you may state your point clearly.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : I want to know whether the Member answers on behalf of the Government or not.

PRESIDENT : I fail to understand. Will the Member make his meaning more clear?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : That requires a certain explanation to the answer given to part (ii) of my question.

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PRESIDENT : All that I am asking the member to do is to make clear the point which was raised for an order.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : I want to know whether the Member answers supplementary questions on behalf of the Government or not. If it is the former—

PRESIDENT : Please do not go into hypothetical points now. You have put the point of order. I will give you the decision. When the Secretary to Government answers a question, he is answering on behalf of the Government.

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